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Photo by Mark Arike

From left, Claire Karaguesian, Mikaela Kauffeldt and Christine Bishop hold their final pose during Heritage Ballet's performance of the *The Spirit of the Great White Pine*. The piece was inspired by a play written by Michael Fay in 2007. The performance was one of many held at SPARC's evening gala on April 26 at the Bark Lake Leadership Centre.

SPARC ignites excitement for performing arts

By Mark Arike
 Staff writer

Creative minds from across the country – and some from even further afield – recently travelled to the Haliburton Highlands to immerse themselves in the performing arts as part of the first Symposium for Performing Arts in Rural Communities (SPARC).

The four-day event, which was held between April 24 and 27 at various locations across the county, featured workshops, keynote speakers and live entertainment. Over 130 delegates, including 20 youth, were in attendance.

According to those involved with the symposium, SPARC met and exceeded their expectations.

"It was a resounding success," said Lesley English, chair of the SPARC organizing committee and general manager of The Forest Festival.

With participants from far-away places such as Gabriola Island, B.C. to Pouch Cove, Newfoundland and Labrador, to the Yukon and southern Ontario, English said the country was well-represented.

"We got a lot of positive feedback and the energy throughout the event was just amazing," she said, adding that each participant she spoke to left feeling inspired

with ideas to take back to their own community.

Two years ago, the SPARC organizing committee decided to "organize a symposium to explore the challenges and benefits of making performing art in rural communities." The symposium brought together people from all areas of the performing arts to "spark inspiration, exchange knowledge, learn new skills, network and develop partnerships."

The event received \$105,400 in funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). This money helped bring young people (ages 16-30) from across the province to the symposium as part of a

youth summit.

Other funders included the Haliburton County Development Corporation and Canadian Heritage.

Jack Brezina, SPARC committee member and president of the Highlands Summer Festival, said that as a result of the symposium, he is now re-thinking his organization's involvement with youth.

"Our [youth] track record is good in certain areas – actors, stage manager, crew and front of house, for example – but there are other areas where youth are not well represented and I think we should be looking at that," said Brezina.

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Minden Hills votes for recruitment firm

Township spending \$18,080 to find new community services director

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Minden Hills township will pay a Toronto-based recruitment firm \$18,080 in an attempt to hire a community services director.

The decision comes after the township was unsuccessful twice in hiring a replacement for the position through the municipality's standard recruitment process, which costs \$5,000 when staff time is included, according

to Reeve Barb Reid. As of press time, *The Highlander* was unable to confirm what part of that amount was out-of-pocket.

"Due to the importance of the position in the community, staff believe it is necessary that a firm with widespread experience in obtaining qualified professionals is contracted to help with our search," wrote township CAO Nancy Wright-Laking in a memo. "The municipality needs to take a proactive approach to ensure the needs of the community are met."

The township has used the recruitment

firm, Feldman Daxon, twice before. Feldman Daxon was the sole responder prior to the March deadline of a request for proposal issued by the township.

Councillors have expressed concern about the requirements of the position, suggesting it is too cumbersome for one person. Like Wright-Laking, they also acknowledged the importance of finding someone for the position quickly in order to best serve the community.

"I'm not happy about how we're going

about this, but we need someone," said Deputy-Reeve Cheryl Murdoch. She suggested reviewing the size of the portfolio six months into the employment of a new hire.

"Hopefully we'll get a good person as soon as possible," she said.

The community services director position was previously held by Janette Loveys Smith for less than a year. Loveys Smith told *The Highlander* the position was not too onerous.

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Highlander news

OPP: Moffatt would rather go down fighting

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Elected officials are urging residents to get involved in MayDay – even after MayDay passes.

MayDay, or May 1, is the date slated for Haliburton County to rally against the proposed OPP billing model that could see tax rates in the community soar 20-36 per cent higher than they are now.

Reeves of the four municipalities in the county are urging each member in the community to take action by writing a letter, emailing, or phoning the provincial government to protest against the possibility of a billing model that Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey has called the single most damaging event in the community in his 40 years in politics.

“It’s certainly the public’s choice as to whether they participate or not, but as elected officials, we’re committed to seeing this through,” said Moffatt. “I would rather try our best and be successful or moderately successful then to roll over and say, ‘oh well.’ I’d rather go down fighting, and I think everybody feels the same way.”

Seasonal residents have been vocal about the potential billing model, writing hundreds of letters to tell the story of how they might have to leave Haliburton County – taking money that supports the region’s economy – with them. Seasonal residents would be billed the same amount as year-long residents, even though they aren’t here 365 days a year.

“It’s important, and I’m trying to do my part,” said Jill Lawrence, a Port Hope resident who visits her family’s cottage on Raven Lake, just outside of Dorset. Lawrence has been actively sending messages to Premier Kathleen Wynne and Community Safety Minister Yasir Naqvi via email and Twitter, and has been suggesting alternative ways to find more funding rather than through the increase of taxes.

“I just think so many other regions of the world tend to be more reactive, which I think is a positive thing,” she said. “As an Ontarian, we’re awfully good at just accepting what we get, and adjusting. But nothing’s going to

change or grow if we don’t react.”

Mary McKelvey, a Minden resident, plans to react but only heard about MayDay this week in her exercise class. She said she wasn’t surprised that some local residents hadn’t heard about the OPP billing issue or the MayDay call to action despite newspaper and radio reports, and a public mail-out sponsored by three of the four municipalities (Dysart’s mail-out about the billing issue will be sent after the MayDay campaign).

“They don’t pay attention, just like me,” she said. McKelvey said she received the mail-out but might have forgotten about it if not for the reminder during the exercise class.

“Because it came in the mail, I knew it was important to pay attention to it,” she said.

McKelvey said she planned to get involved. “I’ll send out my letters, I’m going to participate for sure,” she said. “I’m going to do everything it says on the website – phone, email and Tweet.”

Moffatt said there are sample letters and Tweets available on the county website but that personalized letters telling how a tax increase would affect residents were best.

“The value is in the personalized stories of what this potentially means to people,” she said. “The automatic response to that is, ‘well, I don’t know what this means to me.’ If you’re in Minden Hills, what’s 20 per cent on your tax bill going to mean to you?”

Moffatt said losing seasonal residents due to the increase in taxes could have a domino effect in the county that might result in cuts to programs used by kids and seniors.

“Those are realistic possibilities to all of us,” she said. “That’s the reality that people have to be thinking about. Is it going to sink Haliburton County? Well, we all think it’s going to have a chance to have very serious effects.”

The reeve stressed MayDay is the day to rally in large numbers, but letters could be sent and phone calls could be made after May 1 as well.

“It doesn’t all culminate on May 1. It can carry on,” she said.

To learn more, visit HighlanderOnline.ca/proposed-opp-billing-info or haliburtoncounty.ca/proposed-opp-billing-model/

Plans move ahead for EMS base

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

An EMS base on Highway 35 could be up and running as early as January after county council approved a call for tenders.

The decision to approve the base had been postponed until council heard back about possible funding from the Building Canada Fund. Infrastructure funding at the federal level wasn’t approved, so the plans to build the standalone base are moving forward after councillors said they were ready to make a decision at their April 23 meeting.

“I feel like we’re just treading water,” said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt. “Let’s take a step outside of our comfort zone and acquire some debt. Let’s do something.”

“It sort of feels like we’ve been spinning

our wheels,” said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen. “I would like to see us going ahead and making decisions to act on it.”

“I think we’re ready to go,” said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid. “We have a business case, we need to go out to tender. I think we’re ready.”

The base would be built on property that might be split three ways. The EMS base would take up one section of the property, and Minden Hills is considering buying a second section of the land to build a fire hall. The third section would be sold.

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey agreed with the decision to call for tenders for the EMS building, but wanted to look at the property again before making plans for its use.

Minden council still sitting on Irondale fence

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

At an April 24 council meeting, Minden Hills council said there is no confusion about where a fence on township property at the Irondale Community Centre would go.

“There’s no dispute,” said Reeve Barb Reid. “It’s very clear we can put up a fence on our own property.”

The issue of who will pay for the fence, however, is one that will be further investigated at a May 8 meeting.

“There’s great confusion about how this is going down,” said councillor Cheryl Murdoch. “There’s no understanding about how this will be done.”

Councillor Jean Neville said there’s a controversy every year about the fence, which has been requested by a resident who lives next to the community centre and is concerned about encroachment on property during public events held at the centre.

At an April 10 committee of the whole meeting, council directed township staff to submit a drawing of the proposed fence.

The fence is intended to protect the Hancock property from visitors parking in the space during public events. It is estimated to cost about \$6,500 plus tax.

The community centre has \$24,000 in reserves that was raised by volunteers, and some councillors recommended the fee for the fence come from those reserves, but Neville disagreed.

“[Irondale residents] don’t think it’s right that volunteers raised funds for the fence,” she said. “They raised funds for the ball diamond.”

Neville said that if the same situation were to occur in Minden, she didn’t think council would be asking volunteers to pay for the construction of a fence.

“Council isn’t deciding they want a fence there,” said Ivan Ingram, environmental and property operations manager. “It’s coming through recommendation of the advisory committee.”

“I would be very much opposed to spending tax dollars on this,” said councillor Ken Redpath. “I think it should be paid for by people who want it.”

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Editorial opinion

Masters of our fate

*It matters not how strait the gate,
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I am the captain of my soul.*

— From 'Invictus' by
William Ernest Henley

I keep a poem hanging on the wall above my computer. It's there so that, at a glance, I can take in its message and be reminded that I control my fate.

Things get stressful in the news business. It's nothing but timelines and deadlines. There's always too much work and not enough time. To keep from going crazy, I sometimes need a reminder that I am in control. If I get angry, it's because I chose to be; that emotion wasn't forced upon me. Therefore, I can choose not to be angry.

That's the message I get from *Invictus* when I read it. It seems simple enough, but it's a lesson that has kept me from the loony bin. I'm sure of it.

I don't have to accept the status quo, or what appears ahead of me. Instead, I can choose to push farther, work harder, and make something better for myself. I apply that way of thinking to *The Highlander* every week, as I do in my personal life.

If I don't like how something is, I can work to change it.

This is something the people in Haliburton County are coming to learn, too.

There are certain realities to life in the Highlands – poverty, an ageing community, and a seasonal economy – but that doesn't mean we are slaves to those realities. With hard work, determination, and some outside-of-the-box thinking, we can create for

ourselves a healthy, vibrant community that we are proud of.

MayDay is a great example of people taking their fate into their own hands.

The proposed OPP billing model can, and likely will, cripple our community. The increased cost is too much to bear without significant cuts to other programs. Carol Moffatt said earlier this year that a community without cultural programs is not one she would want to live in, while Murray Fearrey said this model is the most damaging threat he's faced throughout his time in politics.

Is a social media campaign the solution? Maybe, maybe not. But it is vital to engage people and get them thinking of a way out, to rally them to the defence of this community and build momentum towards positive change, for a change.

Despite reading the poem above my desk, I sometimes fail to overcome the challenge or regain control of my inner self. It is a hard world out there, and sometimes I lose. But I've come to learn that success only comes through effort.

Our leaders – Moffatt, Fearrey, Dave Burton and Barb Reid – are all in the fight, and encouraging their communities to get involved, too. The turnout out for MayDay will tell whether or not Haliburton residents are willing to fight, too. Do we accept what the province, distant in all respects, tells us to accept? Or do we want to be masters of our own fate?

I'm betting we do.



By Matthew
Desrosiers

The return of Pond Hockey

When the National Pond Hockey Championships asked for money last year from county council, Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey mused if the request, like the competition itself, would become an annual event.

Now we know.

Taking J-Core Marketing at their word, the event deposits approximately \$400,000 into local pockets at a particularly slow period of the year. The question is, does that boost justify an investment from the taxpayers of Haliburton County?

The county invests all the time. It makes direct investments, in roads for example, that pay off when people can live on those roads and pay municipal taxes; and it makes indirect investments, as it does with tourism marketing, that pay off when visitors spend money which in turn supports tax-paying residents and businesses.

Just like your RRSP, investments are generally a good idea when they pay more than you put in.

In cases like this, however, quantifying the return is very difficult. The estimate of \$400,000 sounds like a lot, but much of it leaves immediately in the form of payments to suppliers. Gas stations keep only pennies of every litre purchased, if that; hotels and restaurants buy food and supplies from outside the county.

To recoup the \$25,000 Haliburton is being asked to contribute, Pond Hockey would have to support ten businesses paying \$2,500 annually in the municipal portion of their property tax. Alternatively, it would pay for itself if it supported a sufficient number of residents to attract an equivalent amount in provincial health and education allocations. If the county regularly measured economic activity, it could see the impact directly and compare it with other years.

Unfortunately the county does not keep economic statistics. Aside from the general impressions people have, we have no idea

if this year is better or worse than the last. We hear things, we think things, but ultimately we do not know things that are very much knowable if we cared to investigate.

We could. But we don't.

That's too bad, because nobody can make rational investments when they can't measure their return. Is it better to spend \$25,000 marketing the county on Facebook or \$25,000 on Pond Hockey? Both have the same purpose – to generate economic activity – but one will do that better than the other. We just don't know which one.

So, as it did last year, county council will stick its collective finger in the air and make a guess. Instinct makes them suspicious of subsidizing an event; desperation for any kind of economic contribution will make them fearful of missing out. Not a very rational way to make decisions or spend taxpayers' money. The best that can be done is to mitigate the ambiguity by stipulating that the funds must be spent here.

Perhaps the county's answer lies not in the return on investment, but on something else Reeve Fearrey said in 2013: "I would hope that this event this year can pull itself together to the point that it doesn't have to come back and ask the county [for funding]... there's no reason that this event doesn't make enough money to put aside and if we can't do that then there's something wrong with the organization."

Seeing as this year's request is 25 per cent higher than last year's (\$10,000 each from HCDC and the county in 2013), Fearrey may have the match point. Events should get more efficient over time, not less.

Ultimately county council will have to decide based on what's best for our community in the long term. It's just a shame that with the limited information they have, it will be impossible to tell.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

A huge debt of thanks

Dear editor,

Last week in these pages readers learned that Haliburton Home Hardware will be sold to Jerry Walker, a local businessman. With the retirement of Ray Langdon, a family business spanning 50 years and three generations comes to an end.

"It's only a matter of time before we sell the property as well," said 77-year-old Marian Langdon. "We're a family of travellers and managing property ties us down."

The extended Langdon family moved to Haliburton 50 years ago May 1. Haliburton village was a very different place back then and the move coincided with mud season in the Highlands. In 1964, few downtown parking lots were paved and you were wise to wear your boots to town. The elder Langdon, Harold, had been to the county many years before. He came to visit Alfred Langdon, an uncle and cabinet maker who moved to Minden in 1908 to establish himself as a boat builder.

"Harold remembered vividly the raw beauty of the area and going out on the Gull River in one of his uncle's boats", recalls Ken Langdon.

The early years of operating the hardware store were touch-and-go, but the county's lakes were being developed and the business flourished. The business expanded over the years and it's now bursting at the seams.

Coincidentally, Home Hardware Stores Ltd. marked 50 years in business on April 4. Home Hardware is a 100 per cent Canadian owned and operated cooperative of independent dealers. From humble beginnings it now includes close to 1,100 stores throughout Canada.

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"We've had some of the best and we want them to know they're valued," said Ray Langdon.

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Photo submitted by the Langdon family

Blacks Hardware.

collection of the Haliburton Highlands Museum. If you have any photos to share please bring them. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to celebrate this milestone with the Langdon family.

**Ken, Marian, Raymond, Carolyn and Isa (Elizabeth) Langdon
Haliburton**

Haliburton's snowmobile trails world-renowned

Dear editor,

I wanted to take a moment to extend hearty congratulations to the leadership team at the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA).

What an incredible job the club performed this past season. Frankly, I've noticed the past couple seasons our trails have been getting better and better. Their attention to consistent, regular and early grooming has not gone unnoticed. Haliburton is not just a good place to snowmobile – it is a great place to ride.

This winter we had some pretty cool guests

join us and ride the HCSA trails – not the least of which was Arctic Cat founder, vice-president and bona fide industry legend, Roger Skime from Thief River Falls, Minnesota. I'll never forget the experience of having him ride here with us or one of his comments after we had covered the Peterson East to the Miskwabi Intersection: "Man, this is what real snowmobiling is about!" Nice!

Our team here would also like to say the Gelert Trail from Minden to the Rail Trail is likely the movie viewed motorized recreational trail in North America. This trail is used for approximately 70 per cent

of Snowtrax Television's and DirtTrax Television's Test Rides annually. The two shows now have an international audience (including broadcast in northern Europe) of over 11 million viewers. If you watch the shows regularly, you'll see shots on that trail.

Haliburton County and its hospitality businesses owe the HCSA a great debt of gratitude. The HCSA is the reason for tourists to come here in the winter. Yes, we have a ski hill and it is important, however the largest number of people who are in the county throughout the winter consuming food, accommodation and other services,

are overwhelmingly snowmobilers. Snowmobilers are tourists and Haliburton needs more than just cottagers, we need the economic impact of tourists, particularly in the winter.

I have the opportunity to travel the snowbelts of the world and I can tell you this for sure – Haliburton County is internationally known for motorized recreation.

**Mark Lester and the entire Snowtrax/
Supertrax team
Minden**

Have you evicted the car?

I use mine to keep my car in, during winter at least. It also houses a chest freezer and an old table that's stacked high with recycling and stuff that I can't bring myself to throw out just yet; while underneath live my beer store returns and, depending upon my thirst and recent trips into the village, a couple of cases of as yet undrunk beer.

Said beer is perfectly chilled in this room for a couple of months each year, the cool concrete floor and lack of any heating working well to keep the space at a temperature that's just right in October and April, but otherwise forget it. You know this home for my beer, that room at the side of the house that's meant for vehicular storage but which many of you Canadian fellows have taken to living in, because I'm talking about the garage.

It's a phenomenon that I had never experienced before moving to Haliburton and one that, each time I witness again, still makes me smile and sometimes even amazes me. The spacious and immaculately kept garage of your average bloke around these parts is equipped not only with manly stuff

like an automated block and tackle for lifting engines from vehicles and a giant gleaming cabinet for wrenches, but also a large fridge, amply stocked with beer and a flat screen TV that's bigger than many screens at movie theatres I've visited in England. There is obviously space for a four-wheeler or two, a snowmobile and maybe a boat, but there is never any sign of a car. Seating comes in a range of styles, from the rustic – a lawn chair or two and an upended wooden packing crate – to the luxurious; well, it would have been a shame to throw out that leather Lazy-boy and matching sofa just because the wife redecorated the living room. Then there's the heating system. Some chaps go traditional with a wood burning stove, others modern, the floor glowing gently beneath your feet.

The time and dedication put in, not to mention the cash shelled out, into making your garage a home is unbelievable, but then I guess if outlay is in proportion to time spent within, it makes sense. And you guys are serious. My garage is just big enough for my car (along with the aforementioned table and recycling), yours is probably a palatial

three-car mansion with a loft that has storage space for umpteen snowmobile outfits, hunting equipment and bass boat rigging, while still leaving room for a full-size pool table. It's bigger than your house, for Pete's sake!

Even the way you say 'garage' emphasizes the importance of the space: "Gerargge!" with a slight rolling of the "...argge" that adds gravitas and signifies the reverence bestowed upon these hallowed walls. Your Haliburton 'go in fer a rip' accent falls away momentarily, replaced by rich chocolatey tones more suited to a member of the Royal Family. Whereas when I say, "garij" it sounds a bit like "garbage", and as such I pile unwanted junk in the spaces that surround my car.

And, lest I should put this super-garage-syndrome down to some local quirk there is even an advert on national TV that shows two women snickering at their men who are crowded around a giant flat screen in the garage. It's a nationwide phenomenon. Canadian men live in their garages.

But is this not the same as back in Blighty?

The Outsider



By Will Jones

I hear you ask. If it were I'd have had my 60-inch flat screen shipped over and dart board installed on the far wall immediately when I moved here. I'd have imported a Chesterfield sofa and fitted out one corner of the 'garij' with a minibar fully equipped with all the accoutrements required to make a jug of Pimms or a dry martini quick as a flash. As it is, my first chore would be to evict the spiders, get rid of the long forgotten toddlers' toys and clear a small space into which I might squeeze one of those foldaway camping stools and a cooler for my beer. Then, if I leaned far enough to the right, careful not to knock over my beer that is perched on the recycling bin, I might be able to see the TV that my lovely wife has on in the living room through the partially open back door. Let's hope she's not watching Dancing With The Stars, again.

And there it is, the reason for the pimped out garage, getting your own choice of TV program,... and being able to fart while watching it!

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: May 1 is a call to action concerning OPP billing. Do you plan to participate?



Chris Sergi

Haliburton

Nope. It does not really concern me.

Jane VanNood

Haliburton

Absolutely. I am calling and will send an email as well. I have a feeling the phone lines will be busy.



Jennifer Briggs

Haliburton

If I remember, then yes. I am sure my mom will remind me as she always reminds me to vote.



JoAnn O'Connor

Algonquin Highlands

Oh yes I will be sending an email and I have it all ready to send. Just going to send what our lake association, MCBLA, has asked me to do.



Maie Arike

Haliburton

Yes I am. My husband and I were talking about this and he is going to send an email. He is really into emailing from his phone.



Photos and interviews by Walt Griffin



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Left: Brian Daoust places a memory plant on the memory tree after his hike around the high school track. Top: Hikers started their walk around the high school track with a memory walk to commemorate loved ones. Above: Dani Stahle and John Proctor lead the hikers out of the school cafeteria and onto the track.

HTV

See video at
HighlanderOnline.ca

Hikers bring in \$23,000 for hospice care

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Whether they were there to remember a loved one or to support the community, walkers from around the county gathered at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School track to Hike for Hospice.

The April 27 event was a huge success, according to event chair Bonnie Roe.

"It could not have been a more beautiful day," she said. "We could not have done it without the support of the many volunteers."

Although pledges are still coming in, so far the Hike has raised \$23,100 for hospice care in Haliburton County. But the day's event was about more than just fundraising.

"The mood is always very powerful and reflective for those thinking about the loss of loved ones as they participate in the Memory

Walk around the high school track," she said.

After the Memory Walk, the hikers could then gather in the school's cafeteria for a memory tea. They were given plants to commemorate their loved ones, which were then placed on stand, making a memory tree.

This is the 10th anniversary of Hike for Hospice, so organizers also wanted to inject a bit of fun. Emcee Carol Moffatt led the day's activities, surrounded by colourful spring

decorations. The entertainment after the hike was provided by Serendipity.

Roe estimated there were 100 hikers this year.

"The founding members of hospice and Gena Robertson [SIRCH executive director] were given certificates of appreciation for their dedication and support of hospice," she said. "All the monies raised support the hospice program as funding is limited."

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May 8

9:00 am, CoTW meeting,
Minden Council Chambers
(public session 10:00 am)

May 19

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May 29

9:00 am, Regular meeting of Council
Minden Council Chambers
(public session 10:00 am)

Spring Conditions

Water levels continue to be monitored
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Employment Opportunity

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is currently accepting resumes for three (3) summer student positions for the 2014 season, funded through the Young Canada Works Program.

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Interested parties are invited to submit their resume in a sealed envelope, clearly marked "Summer Position – Minden Cultural Centre" no later than Thursday, May 15, 2014 by 12:00 noon to:

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Position descriptions are available at the Cultural Centre and Administration office, 2nd floor or can be obtained by emailing sprentice@mindenhills.ca

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For more information, please contact the Environmental & Property Operations Manager at 705-286-1260 ext. 216 or iingram@mindenhills.ca



Canada Day Partners Meeting Tuesday May 6th at 7pm Community Centre Room 2

The Special Events Committee is inviting anyone who is, or is interested in becoming, a part of the Minden Hills Canada Day Celebration to their next meeting to discuss the upcoming event.

If you would like more information, please contact Elisha Weiss at 286-2298 or eweiss@mindenhills.ca

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The municipality is offering 3 different ways to vote in the 2014 Municipal Election.

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Highlander arts

Down our Road

Ferocious feline

You just never know when you'll experience something unexpected. Such were Jake's thoughts as he and Karen sat finishing up their dessert. Karen had tried a new recipe and for the first time in a long while Jake could say he enjoyed rhubarb pie. No puckered mouth. No leathery crust. No runny juice too thin to scoop up with a fork or spoon.

Instead, as he said to Karen, this pie was like a taste of spring: fresh, just sweet enough and pastry that flaked with little more than a look. It reminded him of his grandmother's. Strawberry rhubarb from the old farm, sweetened and thickened with tapioca, tucked inside the world's best pastry, and popped into the wood range on a warm spring day. It was glorious.

Now he and Karen were savouring their last bites while they watched spring easing into the backyard. The tree tops were bathed in the rosy glow of a late afternoon sun. Ducks had returned to the spring pond and patches of ground had started to turn the light-hearted green of new growth.

"Oh look," Karen suddenly pointed out. "Here come the deer." And right on schedule five or six deer had emerged from the bush

to pluck at the new shoots. Jake couldn't be certain how many animals had ventured forth because of the hilly terrain and abundance of tree branches. If it was summer, there could have been a herd and he would never know once the leaves filled in the gap. But today, he could see their thin legs moving toward a south-facing patch of green. "They must be pretty hungry this time of year," Karen continued. She reached for the binoculars kept close by and gazed through the lenses.

"Well that's unusual," she remarked, still holding up the binoculars. "There's some other animal up there and it seems to be spooking the deer." Jake strained to see. "Oh my gosh," she continued, "You won't believe it, Jake. It's a cat."

The activity had shifted away from a stand of poplars and now they could both see what was happening. An orange cat of no significant size was engaged in an apparent Mexican stand-off with the deer. The feline was standing its ground while the deer, bunched together and unmoving, held it in their gaze. Jake imagined if he had been close enough he probably would have heard the soft snort or pawing hoof he knew deer to do

when startled or uneasy. Unable to hear these he had to rely on what he saw from a distance.

And what he saw made both he and Karen almost fall off their chairs. Because at that very moment the cat, puffed up fur and all, was advancing toward the deer who in turn were backing up. The cat continued toward them until the larger animals scattered apart, their white tails waving until they had put some distance between themselves and the apparently ferocious feline.

"What do you think that is about?" Jake wondered aloud. "I haven't even seen that cat before. I wonder where it came from?"

Karen speculated it seemed to be trying to assert territorial rights and the deer were trespassing. But in fact, the cat was the real interloper. The deer had been making their appearance in the same spot almost daily for several years. Yet they were yielding to the tabby.

Jake wondered if perhaps the deer had been caught off-guard by the cat's behaviour and would now ignore it. He looked as the cat turned and began to walk away from the deer who continued watching it. But then, perhaps lured by the new green shoots on the hillside,

the deer slowly began to move forward. The cat stopped, turned around and ran toward them, scattering them once again. "It's crazy," he pointed out to Karen. "One kick from a deer could knock that cat senseless." She nodded, mesmerized by this bizarre scene.

The golden glow of slanting sunlight and a gentle ripple on the pond's surface belied the strange scene of apparent fear and intimidation unfolding. The cat would start to walk away but the moment the deer made a move in the same direction, it would turn and chase them. Finally the deer seemed to give up, high-tailing it back up the hydro right-of-way in defeat. The entire scenario had been both surprising and mysterious.

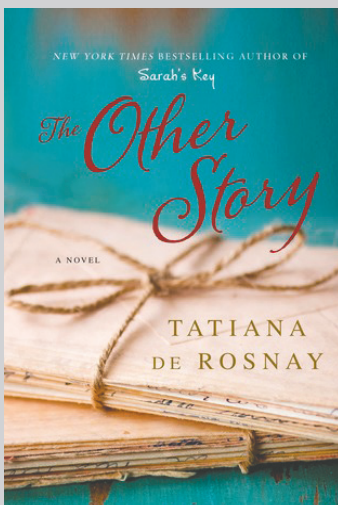
"There's probably a really interesting story there," Jake mused. "But since we will probably never know what it is, how about another piece of pie?"



By Sharon Lynch

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.



HCPL'S TOP FICTION

1. *The Other Story* by Tatiana de Rosnay
2. *All My Puny Sorrows* by Miriam Toews
3. *The Collector* by Nora Roberts

HCPL'S TOP NON-FICTION

1. *Encounter in Rendlesham Forest: the inside story of the world's best-documented UFO incident* by Nick Pope
2. *Pure joy: the dogs we love* by Danielle Steel
3. *Tragedy in the Commons: former Members of Parliament speak out about Canada's failing democracy* by Alison Loat

HCPL'S TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Biscuit Loves the Library* by Alyssa Satin Capucilli (Picture Book)
2. *Fury of the Seventh Son* by Joseph Delaney (YA)

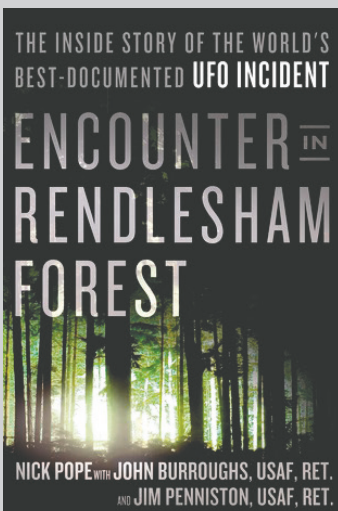
AUDIO AND VIDEO AT HCPL

1. *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty* (DVD)
2. *The Target* by David Baldacci (Book on CD)

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Left: SPARC committee member Fay Martin chats with keynote speaker Scott Walters. Right: Artist Maja Bannerman performs a skit as "Lizzy the Maid" during SPARC's opening reception at the Haliburton School of the Arts.

SPARC has acting breaking out all over

Continued from page 1

He said he made many new contacts at SPARC.

"There are many other groups, not just in the theatre field, who struggle, believe and succeed. I think making those contacts and knowing there are others we can contact for help is extremely valuable."

Barrie Martin, SPARC committee member and president of the Haliburton County Folk Society, noted that between May 1 and the end of September, the Highlands will

host 64 concerts.

"That's a conservative estimate because it doesn't include the weekly things that happen," said Martin, referring to open stages and gigs at resorts.

"If you add those things to it, we're approaching 100 live performances in that period of time. It's quite remarkable."

Chris Lynd, chair of the Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands, found the symposium informative and beneficial to local arts organizations.

"We have so much to offer here in the way

of nature, history, the arts, food and outdoor adventure that if we shine the light on all these things in a collaborative way, people will come," said Lynd.

"I enjoyed a number of the presentations that highlighted the use of unique performance venues and got very excited about a couple that I could see happening here with collaboration amongst members of the Arts Council – musicians, dancers and visual artists."

As for going forward, English said the plan is to develop a province-wide network

with the contacts that were made at the symposium and launch an online SPARC magazine. Part of the funding that was received from the OTF will be used to hire a coordinator for one year to establish the network and host a summit in the fall.

She also said that while it's unlikely that SPARC will become an annual event, it was suggested that it needs to happen again.

"At this point whether it happens in Haliburton County or in another rural community somewhere in Canada is a question that hasn't been answered yet."

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Performing arts thrive in rural communities

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Where there's a will, there's a way.

That was one of the messages that Inga Petri, one of the keynote speakers at Haliburton's first Symposium for Performing Arts in Rural Communities (SPARC), left an audience at the Haliburton School of the Arts with on April 28.

Petri, a consultant, presented her findings from "The Value of Presenting: A Study of Performing Arts Presentation in Canada." The study took two years to complete and was commissioned by the Canadian Arts Presenting Association, in partnership with the regional and other presenting networks and an advisory committee of sector representatives.

"It's been a really excellent tool to help the performing arts sector understand itself a little bit better, and understand how it's different in different places and how it's also the same," said Petri.

One of the big questions she wanted to answer through the study was: "How do I get art to an audience?"

Petri revealed that while rural communities may face unique challenges, many are thriving when it comes to the performing arts. She said that vibrant communities are "fueled by the performing arts and its community-

engaged partnerships."

"In the performing arts I've been finding that... audience development is really important. It basically says that we need audiences to show up. How do we get them to do that?"

Audiences need to understand the art being presented in order to appreciate it and want to see it, she said.

That's where "contemporary marketing" comes into play.

"Yes, we must educate through the arts, but that's not going to translate into a paying, ticket-buying customer this season."

Petri called the performing arts "one of the most intrinsically creative sectors."

"We solve the most unbelievable problems with virtually no money every day. Right?"

She pointed out that performing arts presenters bring forward an incredible skill set, which allows them to unite audiences and come up with solutions to complex problems.

During her travels across the country, Petri located the most creative rural area in Canada. It's a place known as XOA and can be found on Baffin Island. A total of 3.4 per cent of the population is comprised of working artists.

"I got to spend a week in Iqaluit working with the Alianait Arts Festival, which has been around for 10 years now."

Funders wanted to support the event because



Photo by Mark Arike

Local playwright Michael Fay applauds the dancers from Heritage Ballet following their performance of "The Spirits of the Great White Pine."

it was a community-initiative that was started to introduce the Inuit population to the performing arts and create a sense of hope.

"Their mission is to build a healthier Nunavut through the arts," said Petri, who revealed the area's high suicide rate.

"If you think about a community that has 35,000 people in it with very large families, you understand that there's not a single person that I met while out there who did not know someone who killed themselves in the last

year."

In addition to live performances, the festival features training and workshops for the community. Petri referred to this event as a perfect example of community-engaged.

One of the statistics Petri provided was that one in six small communities attract more than 5,000 people per year through the performing arts.

To view Petri's full report visit www.valueofpresenting.ca.

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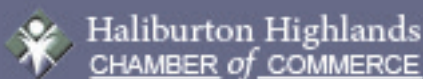
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Photo by Mark Arike

Renovations have been completed at Castle Trading, a new business coming to Haliburton.

Antique store to offer rare finds

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

With Dysart council's approval to amend a zoning bylaw, an antique retail store is one step closer to opening its doors in Haliburton.

In a unanimous decision during an April 28 council meeting, councillors approved the recommendation they received from Pat Martin, director of planning, to amend the C-11 zone to permit a retail store. Site-specific zone provisions were added to regulate parking and loading spaces on the property, stated Martin's report.

Following an April 14 public meeting, the committee recommended that council approve the proposed bylaw to amend the zoning.

Peter and Elke Schleifenbaum, owners of Castle Trading (the name of the company

and store), purchased the property in January. Located on the corner of Maple Avenue and Mountain Street, the property's building was the site of the former Lucas residence which was built in 1906, said Peter in an email.

The Schleifenbaums began renovating the building immediately, with the intent to maintain its historic character.

"We, especially I, have had a passion for antiques since I was a teenager," said Peter. "Since that time I have maintained my connections to dealers and auctioneers in several European countries, which I am now relying on to supply our store with its goods."

The store will feature furniture and accessories from the 17th and 18th centuries (Georgian era), as well as Art Deco and Art Nouveau.

With the internet, Haliburton is as good a

location as any for a unique store such as this, said Peter.

He is thankful for "a lot of positive encouragement received from fellow business owners in town."

"I think it's very exciting that they're restoring that house," said Dysart et al councillor Andrea Roberts. "We're just very lucky."

With the inside renovations complete, Peter said the opening of the store now hinges on legal timelines associated with the rezoning and changes of use.

"At this point I still hope and expect to open in mid-May with an official grand opening in mid-summer."

Granite View condo on track: developer

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Everything is on schedule when it comes to the Granite View condominium development, according to developer Doug Grey.

"It's moving along as expected," said Grey in a phone interview.

Located at 4 Lake Avenue in Haliburton, the three-storey development will feature 24 units. This is the second condo project that Muskoka D&M is responsible for in Haliburton (Granite Cove was their first local development).

"We've cleared the lot and we're just waiting for our final site plan approval, which we hope to get in mid-May and building permits by the end of May," said Grey.

Construction is expected to begin at the end of May or mid-June, he said.

Grey said sales have been "very positive," with more than 75 per cent of the units now

sold. Local realtor Peter Brady is the agent for the units.

Those who purchased a unit will be able to move in during the spring of 2015, he said.

During an April 28 Dysart council meeting, councillors voted in favour of recommendations from Pat Martin, director of planning, to approve the Master Development Agreement for the property and the Responsibility Agreement.

"The Master Development agreement will ensure the proper development of the lands. The Responsibility Agreement will ensure the proper construction, operation and maintenance of the water system," wrote Martin in her report.

Both agreements will be submitted to the developers for their review.

The report also noted that the property will include 35 parking spaces, a three-metre wide planting strip, and access to municipal sewers and a private communal water system.

A minor variance application is currently being processed to address parking requirements, parking space size and lot coverage.

"The 35 [parking] units that are being proposed is based on... 1.45 spaces per unit and the bylaw actually as it reads now requires 1.5 spaces per unit. So you're losing one parking space and that has to do with the design of the storm water management system," said Martin.

There's also been a reduction to the width of parking spaces, similar to Granite Cove, she pointed out.

"That could be a concern," said Reeve Murray Fearrey.

The minor variance application is going to the committee of adjustment this month, said Martin, "and we'll see what the public comment is to that."

Highlander life

Znaimer rallies the Zoomers

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Zoomers own 75 per cent of Canadian wealth. They garden. They golf. They donate. They control the ballot box. They have sex twice a day.

They're people aged 45 and up, and they're the fastest growing demographic in Canada, with more people being 60 or older than 14 and under for the first time ever.

These statistics might not be what you expect when you think of our aging population, and that's why Moses Znaimer renamed the boomers to zoomers – boomers with zip.

It has been quite a few years since Znaimer, as a media mogul, changed the face of television by founding groundbreaking stations like CityTV and MuchMusic. Now, as the president of CARP – a national association for citizens aged 45 and up – he's changing the sometimes negative perception of Canada's aging population and putting some pep into the step of the nation's middle-aged and elderly residents.

Znaimer was the guest speaker at the Haliburton CARP Chapter 54's annual general meeting, which was held at the Pinestone on April 27. He rallied the audience with praise for an aging population that he says should be having the time of their lives.

"The culture treats [our improved life expectancy] like it's a problem, and the

projection is of streets of decrepit old people who are driving themselves into bankruptcy," he said. "But part of the discussion I've had with young people is that if they're really, really lucky, they're going to be old themselves."

"This chapter in all our lives is the best chapter," said the 72-year-old Znaimer. "It's widely known that the toughest years are the late 30s, all through the 40s, into the 50s. That's when the whole wallop of life really hits. It's when people have pushed through those decades and find themselves in their mid-50s and beyond that they achieve a level of mastery."

Znaimer became president of CARP, Canada's largest non-profit, non-partisan advocacy association for aging Canadians, in 2008. He immediately changed the name's meaning from the Canadian Association of Retired Persons, a title he said has negative connotations, to stand alone as CARP, which he said is a fish that is a great delicacy in some parts of the world. Though the organization members had an average age of 80 when he came on board, he has recruited younger members as well to join in advocating.

"We don't run away from our older members," he said. "We strive to become our older members."

The group has more than 350,000 members across the country, and the Haliburton County chapter led by president Bob Stinson is the most active and fastest growing chapter in



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Media mogul Moses Znaimer held a question and answer session during the CARP annual general meeting at the Pinestone on April 27. Znaimer is the president of CARP and founder of Zoomer magazine.

Canada.

"We do have an engaged community that wants to get stuff done and generally speaking, wants to do some good, as well as what I keep urging you to do which is have some fun."

Znaimer said that CARP members have fought hard as a collective to battle age discrimination and pension reform, mandatory retirement and aging away from home. He encouraged audience members to recruit friends to the organization, claiming that, "when it comes to clout, size matters." He

also urged members to make use of the CARP web site (<http://www.carp.ca>), which offers regular polls, news articles and updates on issues that affect the aging community.

Znaimer reminded members to get involved and find their purpose, no matter their age.

"The best way to keep going is to keep going," he said. "And if you keep going and you get yourself out of bed, and you do get dressed and you get out in the world every day, you'll hear about what's going on and what's required and you'll find a place for yourself."



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Left: The Pritchards' basement during the 2013 Minden Flood. Right: The same basement a year later.

Minden Flood: the long road back home

Recovery takes time and patience

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Just over a year ago, Ed and Joan Pritchards' lives were turned upside down after their home of 40 years was overrun by flood waters.

To this day, the memories of what was dubbed the "100-year flood" remain.

"You couldn't even come to our house last year," said Joan in a recent interview.

"If it wasn't for our daughter, we'd have been lost," said Ed.

The couple, who are both in their 80s, were forced from their home on Anson street on April 21, a day after the township declared a state of emergency. They left with nothing more than the clothes on their back and medication.

Six feet of water filled the home's basement, destroying some of their most prized possessions including Joan's wedding dress and Ed's Dale Earnhardt Sr. memorabilia. It also overturned large items such as a television and freezer.

Fortunately, the Pritchards were both unharmed and taken in by their daughter, Lyn

Bullington, and her husband Larry. They lived in the basement of their daughter's home for over four months after the devastating event.

"They [the workers] were a month before they could even do anything downstairs, to get the water and stuff out," recalled Ed.

At first, they were told that their insurance policy wouldn't cover flood damage. Lyn was outraged and contacted the manager of the company for answers.

Soon after it was discovered the damages would be covered due to the sump pump's failure.

"When the insurance company did come in, they were phenomenal," said Lyn.

The workers removed the flooring in the upstairs, furniture, clothing and other items. Due to the flooding, the air quality in the home was declared unsafe and their belongings had to be decontaminated, explained Ed.

"They did a lot of things that they didn't have to do. All in all, it was good."

Their insurance policy covered \$86,000 worth of damages plus a living allowance.

"It's better," said Ed, when asked if the house is just as good now as it was before the flood.



Photo by Mark Arike

Joan and Ed Pritchard look out at the Gull River, which overtopped its banks last spring resulting in major flooding throughout Minden.

The Pritchards moved back into their new and improved home at the end of August, and have enjoyed being back in the neighbourhood. They do, however, continue to worry about water levels, especially right now with the spring thaw.

A flood watch was issued for the Gull River by the Ministry of Natural Resources just a couple of hours after the interview at their home.

"We're still watching," said Joan.

"I'm concerned now because the river is high. There has been minor flood warnings in

the paper, but the way the river is right now, if we got a real downpour of rain I'm afraid it [flooding] might happen," added Ed.

Joan said her husband regularly checks on the water level when he gets up in the middle of the night to use the washroom.

Both agree that if a similar flood were to happen ever again, they'd leave for good.

"If it happens again we're just walking away," said Joan.

"We couldn't go through that again, we're too old," said Ed.

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Bowling for dollars for dental outreach

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Bowlers at The Fast Lane in Minden were out for more than high scores on April 26.

The lanes were filled with supporters raising funds for Haliburton County's Volunteer Dental Outreach (VDO).

Since May 2011, the VDO has seen 414 patients, held 2,458 appointments and donated \$887,524.62 of dental care to those in need.

But there are still 47 people on the waiting list, and seven of those patients are high priority.

So the community stepped into bowling shoes and took to the lanes at a bowl-a-thon fundraiser that raised more than \$5,000 for the VDO. The money will support the purchase of a digital Panorex machine that allows for clear photos of a patient's entire mouth.

"I'm thrilled and amazed," said VDO board member and dental office manager Lisa Kerr of the support the bowl-a-thon received. "It's a lot more inclusive than our golf tournament, because anyone can bowl."

Kerr credited VDO board member Mark Arike for organizing the event.

"As someone who has organized three bowl-a-thons for another local organization, I already knew this could be a powerful fundraising tool," said Arike. "It's a fun family-orientated activity that brings people together in the community, and by doing so, raises further awareness of how our volunteers are providing much-needed dental services to those in need."

Arike gave special thanks to owners of Fast Lane Bowling Gord and Sheila Pitcher, Canadian Tire, and Tim Horton's, for their support and donations.

"I'm blown away by the generosity of all our bowlers and volunteers."



Photos by Sue Tiffin

Above: Five-year-old Rachel Aldom bowled with the lucky pink ball at the VDO bowlathon fundraiser. Right: The Volunteer Dental Outreach bowlathon raised more than \$5000 to help continue serving families in need of dental care.



HHHSF gets boost from Northern Lights Canada

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Minden Northern Lights Canada (NLC) representatives Sue Collings (left) and Karen Eno (right) presented a \$2,000 cheque to HHHSF chairman Peter Oyler on April 25. The donation to the HHHSF's

fundraising efforts for a palliative care unit in Haliburton County is one of 18 made by NLC to a variety of charities across Ontario. "Palliative care is going to be a huge asset in our community," said Collings. "It means we won't have to go out of town for good healthcare."

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Above: Silver medal winner Noah Dollo, left, has a conversation with coach Bob Schmidt after his game. Right: Noah Dollo swats at the birdie during one of his games at the COSSA junior badminton championship.

Junior badminton team earns two titles

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Junior badminton players from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) have captured both the Kawartha and COSSA championships.

"All three teams played really well,"

said head coach Bob Schmidt in an email following the COSSA final, which was held at HHSS on April 24.

Students Joel Fedeski and Jaydon Wood won boys' doubles gold, Caleb Schmidt and Hannah Klose won gold in mixed doubles, and Noah Dollo won silver in boys' singles.

On April 17, 11 junior badminton players entered the Kawartha tournament held in Peterborough. The team finished in first place to earn the Kawartha title.

Schmidt said he enjoyed "seeing players progress in their play, having success, and just enjoy the game of badminton."



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Sunday family league winners are, from left, Jonas Hill, vice; and Aaron Hill, skip. Absent from the photo are Joelle Hill, second; and Ezra Hill, lead.



Monday night league winners are, from left, Peter Boyer, second; Teresa Smith, lead; and Doug Stephen, skip. Absent is Chris Stickland, vice.



Tuesday night league first-half winners are, from left, Ron Roberts, skip; George Callfas, vice; Joann Bugg, lead; and Lloyd Callfas, second.



Wednesday night league first-half winners are, from left, Ron Roberts, vice and skip; and George D Waugh, skip. Absent from the photo is second Shayne Liberty.



Wednesday night second-half winners are, from left, Mary Sue Martin, lead; Peter Boyer, second; Shayne Liberty, vice; and Ron Roberts, skip.



Thursday mixed league first-half winners are, from left, Sheri Siebarth, second; Mike Siebarth, vice; Brian Siebarth, lead; and Tammy Vaughan, skip.



Tuesday night league second-half winners are, from left, Beth Waugh, second; Lynn Waugh, vice; Tammy Vaughan, skip; and Chelsea Flynn, lead.



Men's Wednesday league second-half winners are, from left, Jim Chambers, lead; Pete Warner, second; Cec Ryall, vice; and Aaron Hill, skip.



Men's Wednesday league first-half winners are, from left, Gord Fitch; Doug Stephen, skip; and George Callfas, vice.

Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Wilberforce Curling Club ends season with year-end banquet and awards ceremony

After a season of friendly competition, the Wilberforce curlers gathered for their AGM and awards ceremony on April 24 at the legion. The winning teams from each league were awarded plaques and pins, and the 2014-15 executive was elected at the end of the meeting. The club saw a significant increase in membership over the previous year.

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Pond Hockey Championships want \$25,000 for next three years

By Sue Tiffin

Staff writer

The Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships might not be held in Haliburton if the county chooses to deny supporting the event with \$25,000 per year.

This was the ask – along with a three-year agreement – presented in a delegation to council on April 23 by Neil Lumsden, the executive director of J-Core Marketing.

“We need to have participation,” he responded to Carol Moffatt’s question of whether the event’s future in Haliburton was dependent on that partnership.

The event faced mixed opinion from business owners and residents. While it accumulated donations of more than 900 pounds of food for the Food Bank and more than \$4,000 was raised at the food tent by the Lion’s Club, some local businesses wondered how much business the event brought to the community.

In his presentation, Lumsden told council the greatest impact of the event is the economic impact the tournament has on the county.

“When you talk about economic impact and money left in the community, recreational sport is the perfect way to do it,” he said.

A total of 171 teams participated over the course of two weekends this past January, with some teams traveling as far as six hours to get to the rinks at Head Lake. Based on a survey of the 93 captains representing teams of six involved during the tournament, Lumsden said a conservative average suggested each player spent roughly \$375 outside of registration fees, resulting in \$384,750 spent in the county.

Lumsden’s presentation also said the local budget/spend was approximately \$48,000, and that almost half of that amount was paid directly to the local business community.

Moffatt questioned if it would be possible to have other key benefactors or organizations involved in the tournament’s fundraising. Lumsden said it would be possible to cycle through community groups to positively affect more people.

The county’s finance and correspondence committee was granted access to the event’s finances to be reviewed prior to the committee making a recommendation to council.

The event was granted not-for-profit status prior to the 2014 event. J-Core Marketing receives a payment for organizing and hosting the event.

Mountain bike club looks to expand trails network

By Mark Arike

Staff writer

The Haliburton Highlands Mountain Bike Club (HHMBC) is looking to improve riding opportunities for cyclists in and around Glebe Park.

Thom Lambert, president of the HHMBC, requested that Dysart et al draft and approve a land use agreement that will allow the group to “construct, maintain and supervise single-track bicycle trails for recreational use,” and for special events such as Crank the Shield.

“We’re not looking to build a whole new set of trails on the parcel of land; we just want to maintain the trails that are in there and we want our members to be able to have access to them,” Lambert told councillors during an April 28 meeting. “It’s a fair amount of work to maintain those trails.”

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey told Lambert that the club didn’t fulfill its commitments in an agreement it had with the municipality last year.

“I took over as the president in the fall of last year, primarily because I had issues with the way the mountain bike club was fulfilling its responsibilities with the township,” said Lambert.

With the agreement, the club would construct a single trail on the road allowance to act as a connector between the existing trail networks in Glebe Park and trails on two nearby lots. This connector would be “on the same road allowance that the snowmobile club is using now,” he said.

According to Lambert’s request, the club has built and maintains similar trails in Glebe Park under an existing agreement with the municipality.

Fearrey suggested the club partner with private enterprise to create a win-win situation.

“The more trails we have the better it is for everybody,” he said.

Lambert said the club is currently in negotiations with Sir Sam’s Ski & Bike to offer a joint membership.

“Our long-term thing is that we’d like the county to become a destination and the more trails we have the better.”

He said he has been working with consultant Jim Blake on a signage plan for Glebe Park.

Council agreed to direct staff to draft a land use agreement to extend the trails.

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Monday afternoon

April 14

Men

High average:

Ken Thompson – 205

High single:

Ken Thompson – 265

High single handicap:

Eric Whitty – 299

High triple: Eric Whitty – 707

High triple: Eric Whitty – 834

Women

High average:

Chris Cote – 192

High single:

Solveg Stout – 194

High single handicap:

Solveg Stout – 269

High triple:

Solveg Stout – 554

High triple handicap:

Solveg Stout – 779

Monday night

April 14

Men

High average:

Rick West – 205

High single:

Doug Reinwald – 243

High triple:

Rick West – 608

Women

High average:

Cathy Snell – 220

High single:

Cathy Snell – 290

High triple:

Cathy Snell – 725

Tuesday afternoon

April 15

Men

High average:

Claude Cote – 203

High single:

Bruce Lampman – 276

High single handicap:

Bruce Lampman – 332

High triple: John Pugh – 658

High triple handicap:

John Pugh – 781

Women

High average:

Chris Cote – 189

High single:

Anne Lampman – 212

High single handicap:

Anne Lampman – 277

High triple:

Anne Lampman – 523

High triple handicap:

Anne Lampman – 718

Wednesday Special

Olympics, April 9

Men

Brandon Bailey – 182

Robert Boccitto – 176

Ross Anderson – 168

Women

Skylar Pratt – 195

Charlene Swanson – 121

Dawn Piercey – 120

Wednesday night

April 16

Mark A – 142

Sandy G – 193

Connor – 176

Thursday night

April 17

Men

High average:

Gerry Wagg – 177

High single:

Jim Cummings – 274

High triple:

Jim Cummings – 615

Women

High average:

Gloria Wagg – 175

High single: Pat Stiver – 226

High triple: Pat Stiver – 573

Saturday Youth League

April 19

Ryder Sheppard – 89

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Highlander sports



Photo by Mark Arike

Local kids work on their coordination skills during the launch event of this year's Steve Nash Youth Basketball program.

Youth basketball program jumps off in Haliburton

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

A basketball program for local youth got off to a successful start on April 28 as kids from across the county filled the gymnasiums at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and

J.D. Hodgson Elementary School. According to volunteer Gord Cochrane, 65 kids signed up to participate in the Steve Nash Youth Basketball program. This is the third year the program has been offered in Haliburton County. "I think that is the most ever," said Cochrane

in an email. The program, which is named after the Canadian NBA legend, is designed to teach children fundamental skills, sportsmanship and help them develop a love for the game. The weekly event runs every Monday evening at both schools and is led by high

school teachers Paul Longo and Dave Waito, both of whom volunteer their time. High school students on the basketball team also help out. Check www.highlanderonline.ca later this week for the full story.

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Through my eyes Terror in the night

Imagine watching a horror movie and you're the main character. That is a night terror.

According to an article on thefreedictionary.com, night terror, or pavor nocturnus, is a parasomnia disorder causing feelings of terror or dread, and typically occurring in the first few hours of sleep during stage three or four non-rapid eye movement (NREM) sleep. Night terrors tend to happen during periods of arousal from delta sleep, also known as slow-wave sleep. During the first half of a sleep cycle, delta sleep occurs most often, which indicates that people with more delta sleep activity are more prone to night terrors. However, they can also occur during daytime naps.

Night terrors happen to us as children, but usually only one to six per cent of children experience this where less than one per cent of adults suffer from this disorder. Symptoms include thrashing of limbs, bolting upright, screaming, confused expressions, and fleeing or fighting movements made to protect the body from the night terror.

This morning I awoke from one myself.

I lay asleep dreaming of my home in North Carolina when suddenly this peaceful moment was rent apart by gunshots and pain. My mother's fiancé, John, had just shot me 15 times in the chest and left me on the floor to die.

I sat up straight and screamed for my grandmother but she had already

left for the store, so I curled up under my blanket in panic and fear.

I looked up dream interpretations of being shot by someone you care about and I read that I may have resentment towards a part of him that reflects the worst of me, and it was right.

John and I are alike. We occasionally lose our tempers in an explosive way. Becoming aware of this I have tried my hardest to keep outbursts in check. I love John. He is like the father I never had and I know him. He is not prone to violence. Even when someone is in his face threatening him, John is a calm, collected man. The terrifying figure I saw in my dream was not my father. It was a ghastly opposing silhouette.

How does this pertain to autism? Maybe it doesn't, maybe it does, but for an autistic child, night terrors are amplified through their disorder into something much more frightening. How does a night terror affect the rest of my day? I am constantly jumpy, spook easily, hear the noises of my home (creaks, electronic equipment doing its daily routine, etc.) a lot easier than I usually do when my day has been normal.

If anyone has little tips to help me cope with this, or better yet, how to get rid of night terrors altogether, please let me know.



By Austin McGillion

School board G7 wraps up year with leadership camp

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Haliburton Highlands Secondary Student (HHSS) student Jillian Hawley caused about 90 students from seven secondary schools across the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) to play hooky from class on April 25, but their time was put to good use.

Instead of attending class, they used the day away from school to participate in the annual G7 Student Leadership conference held at Kinark Outdoor Education Centre.

As the 2013-2014 G7 student trustee representative, Grade 12 student Jillian was responsible for helping to plan and chair the conference, which centered around a mental health theme this year. The conference had two guest speakers – Mary Walsh, who focused on resilience, and Desmond Meenan, who spoke about psychosis and mental illness.

Jillian said she, along with a G7 planning team, began organizing for the conference early in the year. They booked speakers for the conference, ordered t-shirts and sweaters for those attending, drafted the agenda, booked space at Kinark, and planned food, activities and a conference package.

"There were lots of little details to consider, and people that needed to be contacted, but overall it was very fun to organize," she said.

The conference brought students together to learn from one another.

"It is a great opportunity for students to meet others that are like-minded and passionate about leadership and making a difference in their schools," Jillian said. "It is both an enriching and educational experience for students, and can really inspire them to take action in their schools and community where it is needed."

Catherine Shedden, TLDSB manager of the director's office and communications, agreed that the conference is helpful and motivating for students.

"Student leaders are a type of student that thrives on gathering at events such as this," she said. "It seems to feed their enthusiasm and their passion to learn. The keynotes were challenging and



Photo by Sue Tiffin

HHSS G7 representative and student trustee Jillian Hawley speaks with a fellow student at the leadership camp.

you could tell that the students were fully engaged and absorbing all that was being presented."

Shedden said the organization of the conference was well executed and the conference was successful because of it.

"What I like the most is seeing all their planning coming to fruition," she said. "These are very bright, very organized kids. They

had a vision for this conference and it was great seeing it all come together with very little input from me."

Twelve HHSS students attended the conference, including Jillian's sister, incoming G7 rep and Grade 10 student, Tori.

"I think for people in any community it's really easy to think that today's youth are all lazy and apathetic, so I think people in our community would appreciate knowing how many young people there are who are passionate, involved and ready to change the world," she said.

Although Tori lost the bid for school board trustee to I.E. Weldon student Brigid Goulem by one vote, she was positive in moving forward and acknowledged Goulem's ability.

"Brigid is going to do a great job because she's very passionate about the position and I know that she is going to be 100 per cent dedicated to it," she said.

Tori's experience at the conference was enjoyable despite the loss.

"I loved the way everyone was so passionate about what we were doing. No one was there just to get a day off school, they all worked hard to contribute ideas and work together. It was really great to see how many students really care about what goes on around their school."

The students engaged in group discussions after the speakers to talk about their own schools and communities, and plans they could make to improve their high schools.

"It was just wonderful to see so many positive and like-minded students working together and having a great time," said Jillian. "It's really encouraging to see how committed students are towards the betterment of their schools."

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Above: Nikki Middag and Haylee McNail collecting garbage to help clean up the Wilberforce community. Left: Mr. Buchanan's Grade 4/5 Archie Stouffer Elementary School class cleaned up around the Minden community centre on April 24.

Earth Day is more than just lights out

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

The school assembly involved quite a bit of litter, but the stage was clean when Angela Dwyer's class was done with it.

The fourth grade ASES students did their part for environmental awareness by helping to remind their schoolmates about Earth Day on April 22. Though many of

their skits and songs involved throwing garbage props onto the ground, they were sure to heed their own advice to 'not litter,' and clean it up before the end of the school assembly that morning. Teachers took their kids outside throughout the week to clean up litter in areas that surrounded the school.

"Our whole town should be clean," said Cody Martin and Christian Casella. "It's a

time to pitch in like how people pitched in to help during the flood."

In Highlands East, Wilberforce Elementary School student Mikaela Kauffeldt organized a week-long clean up event across the municipality.

Throughout the week, garbage bags were available for residents to pick up, fill, and drop off at specified locations where volunteers would take them to the landfills.

Kauffeldt said she knew about the program in Faraday and wanted Highlands East to have the same thing. It was her way of making the municipality a better place.

Wilberforce Elementary School students followed Kauffeldt's lead and went out into the community to pick up garbage. She said most of the refuse consisted of pop cans, bottles, gum wrappers and plastic.

Junior students get sneak peak at high school life

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

While many local students are probably getting giddy about summer, others are thinking about moving on to high school next fall.

In order to help prepare those current Grade 8 students for their journey to Grade 9, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) hosted their second annual transition days event. Between April 28 and 29, 113 Grade 8 students from four

elementary schools (Archie Stouffer, Wilberforce Elementary, J.D. Hodgson and St. Peter's) made their way to HHSS to participate in one of four different activities: art, technology, foods and drama.

HHSS principal Dan Marsden said the event is designed to provide students an introduction to high school and allow them to get a taste of open and optional courses.

Marsden is thinking of hosting next year's event during the first semester, before the elementary students have selected their high school electives.



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Grade 12 student Stuart Searle, left, gives JDH students a hand in a technology class as part of transition days.

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Highlander events

Councillors ham it up

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

You may not have recognized them in costume, but Highlands East's councillors were on stage alongside members of the Loop Troupe Little Theatre for 'Not Just Desserts', a night of theatre, dessert and coffee to raise money for the Wilberforce Library Launchers.

The troupe performed on April 25 and 26 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Members of the Loop Troupe performed the

first pantomime, *The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter*, while Highlands East council performed the second, *Trouble in the Cellar*.

The audience was asked to participate, booing or cheering as the characters made their appearance on stage. In between the pantomimes, desserts and coffee were served. There was also a silent auction.

The money raised will be used by the library launchers to furnish the new library in Wilberforce.



Photos by Matthew Desrosiers

Left: Members of the Loop Troupe perform *The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter* pantomime to raise money for the Wilberforce Library Launchers. Right: Highlands East councillors Steve Kauffeldt and Suzanne Partridge in *Trouble In The Cellar*. They were joined on stage by the rest of the Highlands East council.

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EVENTS

HIGHLANDS LITTLE THEATRE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday
May 3, 2014

at
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1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Election of Officers
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NOTICE



HALIBURTON COUNTY SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Monday May 5th, 2014

Minden Legion Branch 536
12847 Hwy 35, Minden

AGM will commence at 7:00 p.m.

Do you have a passion for snowmobiling?
If so, come to the AGM to hear what the club is doing and what is planned for the coming season.
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Come out and become part of the HCSA in a big way or a small way to help the club make the trails within Haliburton County the most enjoyable to ride.

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EVENTS

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OBITUARIES



Donald Frederick Barker

(Former Owner/Operator of Don Barker Heating and Cooling)

Passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 27, 2014, in the care of Haliburton Hospital, after a short illness. At the age of 83 1/2.

Beloved husband of Ann Barker (nee Smith). Dear father of Stephen (Buck), David (Jonathan), and Leanna. Loving grandfather of Curtis, Gloria, William and Jennifer. Dear brother of Norman Henderson, Beverly (Greg) Horst, Sheila (Paul) Wilson, predeceased by his brother Paul and by his nephew Douglas. Family remembered by his many nieces, nephews, god-children, special friends (Carmen, Lisa, and Adam McAllister), family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Box 427, Minden on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The Service to Celebrate Don's Life will be held in the Chapel on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Interment at the Maple Lake United Church Cemetery. Reception to follow at the Starbuck Community Centre. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers Memorial Donations to the Starbuck Station 80 Firefighters Association or to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HEHSF) or to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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Wagenaar, Hennie

Passed away peacefully on Sunday April 27, 2014, in her 68th year, at Haliburton Health Centre, Haliburton, Ontario.

Beloved wife of John Wagenaar and loved mother to Lori (John) Oshroos and Bob (Angela) Wagenaar. Daughter of the late Shirley and Jim Royenga. Cherished by her grandchildren Sarah, Emily and Alison. Dear sister to Liz (Jack) Dequena, Ed (Sandra) Royenga, Betty (Marion) Ross, Shirley (Joe) Dougherty, Linda (Richard) Joosten and the late Sam Royenga and Irene Beland. Family remembered sister-in-law to Janice Royenga and Bob Beland. Hennie will be missed by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Thank you to the Doctors, Nurses and Staff at Haliburton Hospital, S.L.C.H., and to the Caregivers and Nurses from Promised and the Red Cross.

Resting at Courtice Funeral Chapel, 1587 Highway 2, Courtice, ON (905-432-8484) with Service in the Chapel on Friday May 2 at 1 p.m. The family will receive visitors at the Funeral Chapel Thursday May 1, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Memorial Donations to Haliburton Highlands Palliative Centre would be appreciated.

Online condolences may be placed at www.courticefuneralchapel.com.



Kenneth 'Ken' MacDuff (resident of Courtice, Ontario)

Passed away peacefully at his residence on Tuesday morning, April 23, 2014 in his 89th year. Beloved husband of Roseline MacDuff (nee Dowell) for over 65 years. Loving father of Duncan (Renee Stuenkel), Gloria (George Stuenkel), Charlotte (John Ellis), Sylvia (Wesley Elmschick), Reg (at home), and Don (Carmen Ellis). Family remembered by his grandchildren Lisa, Kendra, Tanya, Sara, George, Adene, Richard, Greg, James, Lori, Jay, Brian, Neil, Krista, Morgan, Cameron and his great-grandchildren Morgan, Zach, Josh, Joe, Brady, Hadley, Eric, Carter, Kenneth, Sydney, Nick, Evan, Anthony, Lynn, Rose, Mia, Delaney, Adam and Julian. Dear brother of Charlotte, Eliza, and Marie. Predeceased by his brothers George, Preston and sister Violet and Marjorie. Ken was an oral optician, worked with his hands, loved woodworking and most of all, his family. He worked for Back Lake Leadership Camp for over 24 years.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Friday afternoon, April 25, 2014 from 3-6 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Saturday afternoon, April 26, 2014 at 2 o'clock (Visitation 1 hour prior). Reception to follow in the Community Room. As expressions of sympathy donations to the HEHS Foundation or the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

Community FUNERAL HOME
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Helen Krapp (resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Passed away peacefully in her sleep at the Haliburton Hospital on Tuesday morning, April 22, 2014 in her 89th year. Beloved wife of the late Raymond Krapp. Loving mother of Heather Young of Peterborough, Randy of Glamburn, and Derek of Haliburton. Family remembered by her grandchildren Jennifer, Andrew, Kim, Robert, Maureen, Stephanie and her many great-grandchildren. Helen enjoyed reading, cards, her time at the lake, crossword puzzles and her family.

Visitation & Memorial Service

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy #118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209 on Sunday afternoon, April 27, 2014 from 1 o'clock until the time of the Memorial Service at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society or the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

Community FUNERAL HOME
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Highlander events



By Matthew Desrosiers

Wilberforce WWII vet celebrates 90th birthday

The last living Second World War veteran at the Wilberforce Legion Branch 624, Len Crawford, turned 90 years old on April 26. To celebrate, four generations of Crawford's family, along with residents from the community and fellow legion members, gathered at the branch for lunch and birthday cake. Crawford has been a long-time member of the legion, most recently holding the position of Sergeant-at-arms. He has travelled to the celebrations at Juno Beach and plans to return this summer.



See interview and video at
HighlanderOnline.ca



Photos by Sue Tiffin

Top: Amberley Beatty as Patsy Cline couldn't keep a straight face around Canoe Radio's Dave Allen, and wiped tears of laughter from her face after joking with him during the show. Above: Ken Blakelock was randomly selected from the audience to be the object of Patsy Cline's affections at the Patsy Cline Tribute on April 26.

REQUEST FOR QUOTES



SPRING MAINTENANCE Request for Quotations

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) is inviting quotations for sand removal at the Haliburton and Minden Hospital facilities. Site visits will be held on May 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. beginning at the Minden site then moving to the Haliburton site.

Quotations may be dropped off at the Haliburton Business Office or faxed to 457-2398. Deadline is 3:00p.m., Monday, May 12, 2014.

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Audience falls to pieces for Patsy

By Sue Tiffin
Staff writer

Patsy Cline was at the Pinestone on April 26.

Or, at least, her doppelganger was.

The crowd audibly gasped at the resemblance when Cline impersonator Amberley Beatty from Elmira took to the stage of the Grand Ballroom with her band, The Sweet Dreams.

Beatty has been impersonating Cline for 11 years, and told The Highlander she fell in love with Cline when she was about 15 years old.

"All the songs we perform are the ones I love to sing because they're all so emotional," she said. "You can't just pick one."

Beatty said the audience typically gets engaged with the show.

"We do it as if it was her last show before she passed away," she said.

Throughout the two-hour show, Beatty and the band covered Cline classics like, "I Fall to Pieces," "Walking After Midnight," and Willie Nelson's "Crazy."

She also covered the laps of some of the male members of the audience, including Haliburton resident Ken Blakelock and "Mr. Canoe," Dave Allen, who traded jokes with Beatty throughout the performance.

See an exclusive interview and song with Amberley as Patsy at HighlanderOnline.ca.

EVENTS

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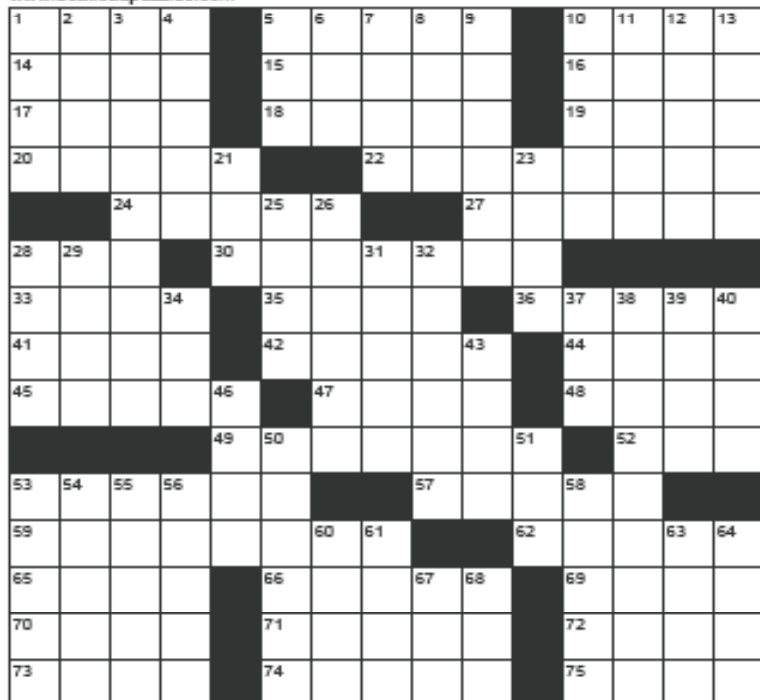
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Highlander events

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1. Jazz's _____ Fitzgerald
5. Paper quantities
10. Go by
14. Lacking warmth
15. Earn
16. Curved doorway
17. Drag
18. Insulting
19. Adjacent
20. Pungent bulb
22. Large terrier
24. Sirloin, e.g.
27. Deleted
28. Legendary boxer
30. Voter
33. Froth
35. Marsh
36. Shop
41. Prince Charles's sister
42. Burglarize
44. Winter flakes
45. Royal domain
47. Lighten
48. Singer _____ Seeger
49. Malady
52. Braying beast
53. Dried grape
57. Beer mug
59. Canadian city
62. Stopped
65. Jungle sound
66. Anguish
69. Painter Salvador _____
70. Egg on
71. Exact copy
72. Troubles
73. _____-do-well
74. Belief
75. Actor _____ Guinness

DOWN

1. Canyon effect
2. Mortgage
3. New Orleans' state
4. Distribute
5. Kitchen and parlor (abbr.)
6. Poet's "still"
7. Diva's song
8. Skirt length
9. Music system
10. Chinese mammal
11. Locales
12. Climb
13. Tear to bits
21. Once called
23. Goofs
25. Gifts to charity
26. Actor Harvey _____
28. Distant
29. The _____ Star State
31. Dairy product
32. Tantalizes
34. _____ Gibson of "Braveheart"
37. Chef's measure (abbr.)
38. Everybody (3 wds.)
39. Decomposes
40. Flock mamas
43. Fasting period
46. Most important
50. Unbroken
51. Golf gadget
53. Show again
54. Cherish
55. Picture
56. More angry
58. Delhi's country
60. Make eyes at
61. High _____
63. Model _____ Macpherson
64. _____ jockey
67. Wind dir.
68. However

MAY 2014 EVENTS

THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		Highlands Festival Singers "Songs of the Sea" Concert - Haliburton United Church, 7:30 p.m.	
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Pedal for Hope - Lloyd Watson Community Centre, 10 a.m.	Food Handler Course - Haliburton Health Unit, 9-4 p.m.		Seniors Standing Balance Exercise Class - Minden Hospital, every Thursday, 2 p.m.
Food Handler Course - Haliburton Health Unit, 9-4 p.m.	Minden & District Horticultural Society meeting - Minden Community Centre, 7 p.m.		
FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Haliburton Highlands Young Professionals Network Kick-off Event - Pinestone, 6-9 p.m.	M&M Meatsops Charity BBQ - Haliburton M&M, 10-4 p.m.	Country music jamboree - S.G. Nesbitt Arena, 1-5 p.m.	

WHAT'S GOING ON AT YOUR LEGION MAY 1-7, 2014

Haliburton Branch (705-457-2571)	Minden Branch (705-288-4541)	Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221)
General meeting, 2 nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.	Lunch menu, Monday - Friday, 12-2 p.m.	Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m.
Ladies Auxiliary, last Thursday, 1 p.m.	Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m.	Ham & scalloped dinner, Friday, 5-7 p.m.
Meat draw, Friday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. \$2/draw.	Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime.	Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone welcome!
50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m.	Creative Crew, Thursday, 10 a.m.	Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m.
Breakfast, 2 nd and 4 th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m.	Ladies darts, Thursday, 1 p.m.	Bid euchre, Monday, 7 p.m.
Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m.	Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.	Executive meeting, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m.	Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m.	Fun darts, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Gord Kidd & friends, April 19, 4-7 p.m.	Mixed darts, Friday, 7:30 p.m.	
No cover.	Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.	

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What's on

SAT. MAY 3 @ 7:30

Alchemy (the Jazz Poets)



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What's on



Craig Paterson, Pete Woolidge, Florence Treadwell and Lea Harper will perform at The Dominion on May 3.

Setting poetry to music

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

On May 3, poetry and music will combine to bring the words of poets Lea Harper and Florence Treadwell to a new level. Alchemy is the combination of Harper and Treadwell with jazz musicians Craig Paterson and Pete Woolidge. “We called it Alchemy because it’s created a kind of a transmutation for us as poets to hear the poetry elevated to this whole new level with the music,” Harper said. “I come from a musical background, I play guitar and am a songwriter, so to add this to the poetry is really nice.” Harper will be reading her poetry, along with Treadwell’s, at the Dominion Hotel. “The band that backs us are two jazz musicians,” she said. “They’ve been composing music for a year-and-a-half to these poems. The beauty of it is that poetry is an oral tradition but music enhances the whole experience of the poetry.”

Combining those two elements will help make the poetry more accessible to a wider audience, she said. “A lot of people have never been exposed to [poetry] often except in school. In a way, it’s like sneaking in through the back door. You bring in a little music and people think ‘this will be fun.’” Treadwell’s poetry is sensual, often about love, Harper said. Her own ranges in themes, but always tells a story. “A poet can write about the most ordinary situation and if you can find the beauty or meaning in that, the most ordinary event can become special,” she said. “That’s the gift poets have, is to find the essence of any given situation.” The show on May 3 begins at 7:30 p.m. at The Dominion Hotel in Minden and costs \$10. Harper says anyone who comes out to the show is sure to enjoy themselves. “What poetry and music does is allows the listener to experience own lives, not yours, theirs,” she said. “That’s the beauty of a good poem or music. It’s the universality.”



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| \$199,900 199 ft. private sand/rock shoreline | |
| \$179,900 115 ft. frontage, 1.3 acres, sunset view | |

HOME, ACREAGE & GARAGES GALORE \$389,000



- Like new 3 bedroom home with nothing to improve
- 23 acres to ensure privacy
- All one level living
- Garage space galore - triple plus huge barn
- Fantastic location between Minden and Haliburton

KASHAGAWIGAMOG LAKE \$649,000



- Superb lake house
- Outstanding bunkie/boathouse
- High-end everything
- Close to Haliburton on the 5 lake chain
- Main floor living at its finest



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4 SEASON HOME/COTTAGE \$299,900



- 3 bedroom, 1,200 square foot home
- 100 feet of frontage, sand shoreline
- Wet slip boathouse with rooftop deck
- Detached 1.5 car garage
- Turn-key set up, 4 season

PRIVATE SETTING \$249,900



- 3+1 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,700 square foot home
- 8.8 acres to enjoy trails and wildlife
- Detached garage, storage shed
- Master bedroom balcony, finished lower level
- Close to town, year round access

OTTER LAKE \$464,900



- Year round waterfront home or cottage
- Open concept 3+2 bedrooms, attractive fireplace, full walk-out basement
- Peace and tranquility on a no motor lake
- Nicely treed 8.84 acre lot with 379 feet of frontage

CRANBERRY LAKE \$339,000



- 4 season, 3+1 bedroom, 2 bath home/cottage
- Tons of upgrades, maintenance free siding
- 470 feet of waterfront on tranquil Cranberry Lake
- 5 minutes to ski hill and golfing
- Great Muskie and Bass fishing



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PRIVACY PLUS \$329,900



- 2 bedroom, 1 bath, 1,324 square foot home/cottage
- 340 feet of natural shoreline
- Expansive view of the lake and Crown Land
- Wrap around decking, dock area
- River rock floor to ceiling fireplace

EXECUTIVE RETREAT \$424,000



- 3+2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2,406 square foot living space
- 150 feet of waterfront, 1.61 acres
- Custom kitchen, skylights, games room
- Short boat ride to Gull Lake
- Year round access off Highway 35

SPECTACULAR KUSHOG LAKE! \$499,900



- 2 lake chain for lots of boating
- Clean shoreline, expansive views
- Over 2,000 square feet of luxury living
- Amazing guest cabin
- Attached and detached garages

EXECUTIVE RETREAT \$864,900



- 3+1 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2,500 square foot home
- 120 feet of frontage on a 5 lake chain
- Level lot with creek, 1.1 acres
- Attached double garage, 720 sq ft workshop
- Gazebo, stone fireplace, heated floors



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